

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/623,051
Applicant(s) : MICHAEL, Günther et al.
Filed : 07/18/2003
TC/A.U. : 1712
Examiner : METZMAIER, Daniel S.
Title : Hydrophobic Silica

Confirmation No.: 3961

Docket No. : 032301.0901
Customer No. : 25461

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

SUBMISSION OF DECLARATION

On November 29, 2006, Applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and an Amendment Accompanying Request for Continued Examination in the instant application. Attached to said Amendment was an unsigned copy of the Declaration of Günther Michael. Applicants submit herewith the executed Declaration.

It is respectfully requested that the attached Declaration be accepted by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application.

Respectfully submitted,

SMITH, GAMBRELL & RUSSELL, LLP



By: Robert G. Weilacher, Reg. No. 20,531

Dated: December 15, 2006
Suite 3100, Promenade II
1230 Peachtree Street, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia 30309-3592
Ph: (404) 815-3593
Fax: (404) 685-6893